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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PUNDITS WRAP UP VANCE VISIT

1. THERE IS A PLETHORA OF WEEKEND NEWS REPORTS AND
COMMENTARIES IN THE ISRAELI PRESS ON THE RECENTLY CON-
CLUDED MIDDLE EAST MISSION BY SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE.

2. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH DAVAR, FORMER PRIME MINISTER
RABIN STATES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS OVERLOOKED PART
OF AN AMERICAN UNDERTAKING GIVEN TO ISRAEL IN 1975,
TO WIT, THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT HOLD CONTACTS WITH THE
PLO EVEN IF THE LATTER ACKNOWLEDGES SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, UNLESS THAT ORGANIZATION FUL-
FILLS ANOTHER CONDITION AND RECOGNIZES EXPLICITLY
ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST. THE LIKUD AND MOSHE DAYAN
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CIRTICIZED THE AGREEMENT WHEN IT WAS DRAFTED, SAID
RABIN, BUT NOW THEY ARE DEPENDING ON IT.

3. IN A SHARP ANALYSIS OF THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT'S
"POLICY IMPASSE," DANNY BLOCH WRITES IN DAVAR THAT
IT IS NOW APPARENT THAT BEGIN SCORED NO REAL ACHEIVEMENTS
IN WASHINGTON. BLOCH ADDS SARCASTICALLY THAT

BEGIN MUST HAVE CONFUSED HIS ACHIEVEMENTS WITH THE RABBIS IN NEW YORK WITH THE LACK OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON. THE "CHEMISTRY" WHICH SUPPOSEDLY DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS IS AN ILLUSION WHICH EVAPORATED WITH THE BATTING OF A BASEBALL AT PLAINS. BLOCH SAYS THAT BEGIN'S GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED TO PERSUADE THE AMERICANS ABOUT ANYTHING PERTAINING TO THE PLO AND THE PALESTINIANS AND VANCE'S CURRENT VISIT HAS EXPOSED THE DECEPTION AND ARTIFICIALITY SURROUNDING THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY. BEGIN HAS A TENDENCY TO OVERDRAMATIZE, SAYS BLOCH, AND MAKES TOO MUCH USE OF WHAT THE NAZIS DID TO THE JEWS. THIS MAKES MANY ISRAELIS FEEL ILL AT EASE, SAYS BLOCH--THEY KNOW THAT ANOTHER HOLOCAUST IS NOT LIKELY WHATEVER THE BORDERS OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. UNLESS THE CURRENT ISRAELI POSITION IS SIMPLY A TACTIC TO RAISE THE PRICE OF OPENING NEGOTIATIONS, NEXT MONTH'S TALKS IN NEW YORK WILL ALSO END IN AN IMPASSE AND THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES WILL BE AT A DEAD END.

4. MAARIV'S MOSHE ZAK WRITES THAT THE GOI WOULD ALREADY BE JUSTIFIED IN TELLING THE AMERICANS THAT THERE IS NO LONGER ANY POINT IN CONTINUING TALKS SINCE ISRAEL DOES NOT AGREE TO THE U.S. REVOKING ITS AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL ON THE NON-RECOGNITION OF THE PLO. ALL THE SAME, THE GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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BELIEVES THAT SINCE THE PLO HAS NOT (YET) ADOPTED SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 THERE IS NO NEED CREATING A RIFT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ISRAEL. EVEN IF THE U.S. TAKES NO INITIATIVE ON AMENDING 242, ZAK SAYS, IT CAN HARDLY BE EXPECTED TO VETO SUCH AMENDMENTS DRAWN UP AT THIRD WORLD INITIATIVE WITH SOVIET SUPPORT, U.S. ASSURANCES NOTWITHSTANDING. LOOKING FORWARD TO NEW YORK, ZAK PREDICTS THAT NOT ONLY WILL THE FOREIGN MINISTERS BE ATTENDING THE ASSEMBLY BUT YASSIR ARAFAT AS WELL. SUMMING UP THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY, ZAK VIEWS THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS AS (A) THE U.S. DOES NOT WISH TO CLASH WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND (B) ISRAEL DOES NOT WISH TO CLASH WITH THE U.S. THUS, EVERYONE PREFERS TO SEEK CONTINUATION OF CONTACTS AND TALKS.

5. THE JERUSALEM POST (LANDAU) SAYS THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IN MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY DEPENDS TO A LARGE EXTENT ON WHAT THE PLO DECIDES TO DO. IF THE PLO ACCEPTS PRESIDENT CARTER'S CHALLENGE AND ANNOUNCES ITS ACCEPTANCE OF 242, A CATAclysmic CHANGE BY THE AMERICANS WILL

FOLLOW. LANDAU HIGHLIGHTS AN EXCERPT FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER'S TIME INTERVIEW, AND CONCLUDES FROM IT THAT
BEGIN WILL FIND HIMSELF UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE
ENTIRE WORLD IN THE NEAR FUTURE. LANDAU WRITES THAT
MANY JERUSALEM OBSERVERS FEEL THAT BEGIN IS LATELY
BEING OVERCOME BY HIS OWN RHETORIC AND HIS CREDIBILITY
HAS BEEN SEVERELY ERODED.
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